

# MAR NEWS

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## Paddling Permitted

The MN School Board has adopted a guideline for the administration of corporal punishment. Corporal punishment is the use of physical force to discipline a student and includes "paddling" among other means of discipline.

The format for the Board's position follows the guidelines set forth by the state. This is the first time that the district has had a written policy concerning corporal punishment.

The policy, which was announced in flyers distributed to students on January 6, has two basic parts.

The first part involves the use of corporal punishment in the following situations: quieting a disturbance, removal of a student from a room or building if request to do so is ignored, obtaining weapons or other dangerous objects, self-defense, and protection of property.

In the above situations, corporal punishment may be administered by any faculty member.

The second part of the guidelines relates to "repeated and serious infractions of school rules." In these cases, at the request of a teacher, corporal punishment can be administered by the building principal or assistant principal, with a witness present. Corporal punishment of this nature may be prevented if a student brings a note from his parent or guardian. The parent then assumes responsibility for the student's discipline.

Mr. Capriotti says it is "good to incorporate such a guideline" so that both teachers and students know their rights.

## Suspended Students Granted Rights

Suspended students now have more rights according to the U.S. Supreme Court. Included are the student privileges of presenting a case and writing a report about the charges.

The court ruling has already been met by school board guidelines, William C. Capriotti said. A student has to be informed of the reasons and evidence before his suspension.

Pupils have the right  
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## Committee Allocates Student Activity Fund

Half of the \$6 thousand and interest that has accumulated on the Student Activity fund over the past 13 years has been allotted to 14 MN organizations.

Mar News was granted \$700, Memories \$600, and Dinos will receive \$400. MNBC was granted \$250. International Exchange Club, National Honor Society, Interact, Chi Sigma Chi, Wide World, Art Club, Model Aircraft Club, Astronomical Society, Photography Club, and Circulo Español will also receive funds.

The allocation of the available interest was determined by faculty Faye Lewis, Vera Egner, Virginia Woerner, and Clarice Jardine.

Student members of the committee included Peter Anderson, Joel Jakubson, and Sherri McCandless.

The committee's special report was delivered by Ms. Egner at a meeting of club advisors and presidents January 21.

The committee recommends that organizations receiving money "use it in such a way as to establish a sound fiscal base which will keep them solvent in the future." It also advises that the remaining money "be placed in a special fund that will continue to accrue interest and may be drawn upon for loans or grants in future years.

## BAND REHEARSES CHILLING PERFORMANCE

Performing during intermission, the Marple Newtown Band will be featured in an eight-minute portion of the Ice Capades at the Spectrum on Tuesday, February 18.

Skating and non-skating units have been formed by Band Director Larry McGriff because of limited performing area. These decisions were based on each student's appraisal of his own skating ability and observations made by McGriff at an initial practice Wednesday morning, January 15, at the Westtown Skating Rink.

Non-skating band musicians will perform on chorus risers set on the ice. Carpet strips will be laid for band front participants who will utilize fluorescent flags under black

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Skating MN band members play for Ice Capade performers at the Spectrum.

# editorial comments:

## Minority Rule

Everyone complains about vandals, those faceless, nameless villains whose paths of destruction seem to be the only evidence of their existence. No one seems to be able to find these vandals; the prospects of wiping out this scourge of society are slim.

Perhaps we must live forever with vandals, but what they destroy should not be left in disrepair. Students on the first floor must have the endurance of camels because the buttons of drinking fountains were conveniently removed months ago. Windows and mirrors around the school have been shattered so long that they have been accepted as part of the interior decor. Furniture and lavatory fixtures are smashed, burned, unusable and, so far, ignored.

Whatever the reason, vandals destroy. Apparently the school administration is so angered and frustrated by this destruction that they will not keep repairing the damage. The non-violent, law abiding student, as always, is the one who suffers.

Experience has proven that vandalism will not end in the near future. We hope that the administration will realize the need for repairs.

Everyone agrees that vandalism should be stopped, but can the school administration be right in prolonging the inconvenience and discomfort vandalism causes?

## Slighted Seniors

Mr. Capriotti has sent a memo to teachers informing them that he is finding too many students wandering the halls. From now on, those seniors who were supposed to be rewarded for high grades by being exempt from final exams must sit idle in their classrooms. Passes to the library and resource centers are prohibited.

Seniors have found that sitting in a classroom for a couple of periods of forced silence and inactivity is not exactly the ideal incentive for good grades.

Teachers, too, complain. They find it hard to maintain the order and silence necessary for an exam under the disruptive influence of students with nothing to do.

There must be someplace for these students to go. administration claims that sending exempt seniors to the library or resource centers is not practical, but leaving them in classrooms seems even less practical.

## Who's Responsible ?

The school board's recent policy statement on corporal punishment raises some important questions. Few people would argue with the first part of the rule which allows teachers or administrators to use force when threatened with harm to person or property, but the second specification which allows students to be punished with physical beating in cases deemed necessary by the principal is disturbing.

Why are schools making policy statements about how students should be disciplined and punished? The school was made to instruct and guide. Our society has set up a family system in which parents are supposed to discipline and guide their children.

Dress codes, rules of behavior and morality, and disciplinary measures all teach parents to depend more on schools to raise their sons and daughters. We ought to get back to the original idea--parents raise the children and schools educate them in the basic skills needed later in life.

# Senior Privilege Questioned

Dear Editor,

I, like many other juniors, am being discriminated against.

Everyone is aware that any senior with a B or above average in a course is exempt from that final exam. However, every junior in the same course must take the exam regardless of his grades. This must mean that there is a definite difference between the juniors and the seniors.

Then why can't I see this difference? Every student in my classes is treated equally by both teachers and peers, regardless of grade. Most people don't know who is a senior and who is a junior until the end of a semester. Juniors are then made to feel unequal.

If juniors are to be evaluated on the same basis as seniors, then they must be given the same privileges. I challenge anyone to justify this disparity between juniors and seniors. I want one good reason for this flagrant discrimination.

Sheila Doyle

involved in education at all, but are play periods. Perhaps they object to its relevancy--relevancy to people and their life style, instead of being concerned with one small portion of person's life--formal education.

Every school develops a school philosophy. The opening statement is a good place to start. "We believe the high school gives the student the opportunity to develop his own identity as an individual through formal and informal educational processes." CLW is an informal educational process, and I feel that CLW is capable of "guiding a student to develop his potential intellectually, socially, and physically" if given a chance. Again I quote, "The school provides an atmosphere favorable to learning through varied educational experiences..."

Many of the educators may not have realized that they too can learn something from CLW. There were many workshops to choose from and it seems unlikely that none of the choices interested them.

Lastly, and this is a sore point, I'll admit, one of the complaints was that students would be missing a week of instruction. Were the instructors really concerned about the week of school lost during the strike?

CLW is a question of values. Is it more important for a student puts his body in a classroom five days a week for a year or that he participates actively in an educational experience that is relevant to everyday living?

Cheryl Peterson

# LIFE WEEK

Dear Editor,

Celebrate Life Week should have started a lot of people thinking, faculty and students alike. What is the purpose of education?

Celebrate Life Week was termed an "alternative education project" and it should be just that. However, some educators feel that the sessions are not

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# HEARING REQUIRED FOR STUDENT EXPULSION

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to present their case to deny the charges. Parental conferences before the end of the suspension will determine whether the student will return to school earlier than the set time.

The principal has the authority to limit co-curricular activities of a suspended student. All work missed by a pupil

must be made up following his return, contrary to the present school policy.

Should the need arise for expelling a student, a formal hearing before the School Board Discipline Committee has to be held. Pupils will have the right to cross-examine witnesses and have counsel.

The guidelines will prevent unfair interference with student's education, the Supreme Court States.

## Prom Ticket Reduced

Juniors participating in future candy sales will have their \$25.00 per couple prom ticket reduced announced Mark Orlando Junior class president.

The Junior Prom, at the Valley Forge Hilton, May 16, will have Elton John's "Your Song" as its theme. One band will perform for dinner entertainment, and one for dancing.

Presently, \$2,500 is in the treasury. Fund raising will include a St. Valentine's Day dinner, and a bi-centennial flag sale. Orlando wants more juniors to involve themselves in class projects.

## BAND

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lights for special effect.

Immediate plans include walk-throughs of the ice routine and at least two practices at the Spectrum. Music played will be four song arrangement featuring "Give it One" by Maynard Ferguson.

McGriff hopes to include at least one of the Ice Capade stars in the presentation, but says no plans have been made. "It's hard to say much right now," he comments, "but we're going to give it the works." "The works" include local television coverage.

Tickets are available, but are going fast, according to Band Treasurer Nancy Kent.

## SELF-PACE SCIENCE EVALUATED

Junior high self-pace science courses have not helped to increase the enrollment in the self-pace science courses here.

Dr. James V. DeRose, science department head, says that the self-pace program in the high school is going through a lull and will most likely increase in student number next year. At the present time only 2 students are taking chemistry with 19 students taking physics self-pace.

This, however, parallels a similar decrease in total number of students taking the regular science courses. The number of students taking the self-pace courses has not changed over the last few years, even though most students had independent study science in junior high.

DeRose also says that the students in the self-pace program did as well if not better than those students in the regular science program. He feels the self-pace program teaches students things that can't be measured. He includes things such as working alone and learning to structure one's time.

Studies show that the lack of interest in the self-pace program has not been caused by a general lack of interest in science.

## News Briefs:

# CHI SIGMA CHI SELLS CARNATIONS

Teachers will be offered a first aid course in the spring session of adult classes at MN. All faculty can attend free of charge.

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According to Mr. Tom Kashi, senior class advisor, there will be no senior class trip this year. Disney World was considered but the cost was prohibitive. The negative decision was supported by the school administration.

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The Landsdowne Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Henri Elkan, will present a 'symphony in the suburbs' program at MN, Tuesday, March 11. The performance is designed for appreciation by all ages, featuring a ballet and student soloists.

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Tickets to the MN Night at the Spectrum on Tuesday, February 18 are still available from any member of an organization sponsored by the Booster Club. Prices are six, five, four, and three dollars.

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Don't forget to buy carnations for Valentine's Day! The cost is fifty cents apiece and they are obtainable through any Chi Sigma Chi member, at tables in the lobby before school, and in the lunchroom.

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Extensive paperwork and insufficient need have caused the rejection of the proposed ombudsman position according to Principal William C. Capriotti.

Capriotti consulted various faculty members who agreed that an ombudsman was not necessary, before he decided to drop the proposal.

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Congratulations to Larry Kushner for being selected as a Bausch and Lomb Science Scholarship contestant. Grants are based on the student's decision to attend the University of Rochester which sponsors the award, and the student's scores on tests.



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## REVIEW :

# Poseidon's Towering Earthquake

Marple Newtown Senior High will be wiped off the map on March 22. The story will go as follows:

The first of the many disasters to hit the poor school came in the early morning when a 90 foot tidal wave that formed between the yellow lines in the center of Media Line Road overturned the school. Hundreds of students hurriedly built Christmas trees and climbed them. After finding that this did no good, Mr. Capriotti decided the only thing to do would be to lead a march to the school's foundation (now up). No one thought to just walk outside the building, (all water had been soaked up by the track, football and soccer fields.) Even Mr. McKonly didn't realize that all the water was gone, and he had a field day saying, "Set....Go!"

Finally the school, which had been balancing on the observatory, turned back over, leaving those that had journeyed to the foundation caught in the LRC (school basement). They decided to send smoke signals up to the top of the school to tell of their predicament. No sooner had they doused the chairs and tables with ditto fluid and gasoline, when a huge fire started. Luckily, some students were volunteers with the Newtown Square Fire Department. They got into their cars, turned on their blue flashing lights, and drove away. They were never seen again.

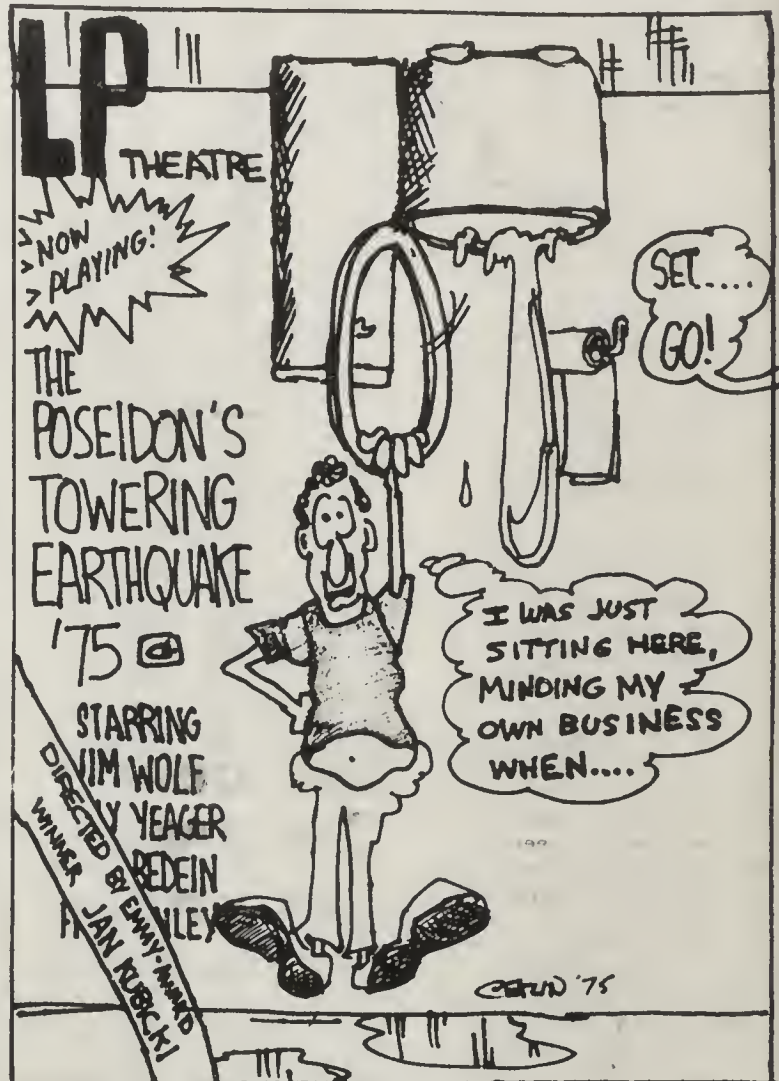
The fire raged out of control burning roll books, report cards, and unmarked tests. Helicopters were brought in, and instead of leaving the building in an orderly fashion, many girls stayed inside. They hoped to be rescued by Paul Newman, Steve McQueen or Phil Hadavas. Jim Wolf tried to help in any way he could, but smoke rises towards the ceiling, and he was overcome by smoke inhalation.

As soon as the fire was under control, the 2:30 bell rang, causing a frantic rush for the parking lot. The noise from the cars, compounded with the low air pressure system moving through Newtown Square for Colorado, caused first a tremor, then a groan, and then an EARTHQUAKE!

T.V. cameramen were brought in from everywhere. Businessmen with an eye for a buck hooked up speakers and cushioned chairs. They then charged admission to the show, after advertising on radio stations all over the county...."See A School Collapse in Sensurround!" The businessmen raised \$45 thousand for the MN Boosters.

The earth ate up scores of students as the sensurround machines played "I Feel The Earth Move Under My Feet." The science and math departments banded together to fight "Earthquake with Earthquake", and then created their own little disaster by exploding the entire English department to bits. (Were any other motives involved?)

At last, the disaster ate up the school, swallowing the whole building in one gigantic gulp. The sensurround gear was packed up, and an airplane landed on the water filled soccer-hockey complex. The 747 picked up the 359.6 surviving students and took off for Philadelphia Airport. About 75 seconds later, the plane crashed in mid-air with a flock of hummingbirds. Charlton Heston was flown in from Hollywood to pilot the plane to a safe



landing at the airport.

As the wet, burned, quaked, 75ed passengers disembarked from the plane, they were stormed by a barrage of movie directors. They convinced all of them to act in 18 new disaster films. Some of the new films include:

Hailpellets '76, Buffalo Stampede, Death in a Fan Factory, Meteorite Shower, King Kong Returns in Beautybeastserround, and Jerry Ford vs. the U.S. Economy, slated to be the most devastating of the new disaster films.

Jan Kubicki was signed to direct one of these films and was expected to give major roles to surviving Performance Group members.

By the way, the destroyed MN school was entered in the Guinness World Record Book under... 'most disasters in one day'

## WRESTLING

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as a penalty the ref subtracted a point from the team's total score which proved to be the difference.

98 pounder Steve Shapiro recorded the Tigers' only pin.

The previous week MN suffered their lone Central League defeat to once beat-

en Haverford 26-24.

The Tigers were sticking close to the Fords, 12-15, when in the 145 pound class Jim Gardner fell victim to a quick pin by an underdog opponent. Marple finished with an impressive surge, but Haverford held on to win.

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## Opinion:

Bob Edgar:

## A New Breed

Robert Edgar (D) is the new congressman for Delaware County. His inauguration was held on January 14, in Washington D.C.

Edgar is the first Democrat to be elected by Delaware County in many years. His election is proof that political changes are occurring in this country.

Edgar invited the public to his inauguration in Washington, and furnished buses for those wishing to attend. Approximately 300 persons traveled on the buses, while another 50 took trains or drove.

While at the reception in Edgar's honor, I heard one congressman state that Edgar's party, which was in the Congressional Office Building, was one of the largest he had seen. The reception was attended mainly by average residents of Delaware County.

Edgar is one of a new breed of congressman. He is young, intelligent and conscientious. Edgar appears to be genuinely interested in the welfare of the people he represents. He is planning various discussion groups and get-togethers with the citizens of Delaware County.

In the aftermath of Watergate, increased public awareness is more evident, and can be seen in Congress. The new congressmen are trying to sweep out the dust that has collected in Congress. They began by contradicting the rule of seniority and not re-electing senior members to the chairmanships of some committees.

If Congressman Edgar and the other new members of Congress are in earnest, then many governmental changes will be seen. This country will become a more democratic and better run nation. However, changes are not possible if the government does not have the support and interest of its citizens.

Mary Wesoski

SCIENCE CLUB  
FORGES  
TRAILS

Marple Newtown Earth and Space Science Club, MNESSC, will help to expand the existing national park trail system this June in Denver, Colorado.

MNESSC volunteered its services to the Colorado Mountain Trails Foundation. They will help build 380 miles of trail from Denver to Durango.

Club sponsor Raymond Frye of the MN Junior High Science Department will accompany the club members. According to Frye, this will "take the wear and tear off of national park trails."

Numerous fundraising activities are being held to meet the \$1,200 cost. Frye predicts that each club member will have to contribute \$75.

Dancers  
Compete  
Tonight...  
Tomorrow

Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first prize winners at the Marathon Dance, February 7 and 8. The contest begins on Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the sophomore class, the dance is their first project this school year.

According to Bob McCusker, sophomore class president, "A lot of kids that have never been up all night will be dancing for the prize." Media coverage is being sought for the marathon.

Admission slips and rules are available in the main office for interested contestants. Dance space is available for both contestant couples and spectator-dancers. The cost is \$4 for contestant couples and \$1 for spectator-dancers. Spectator-dancers will be permitted one re-entry to the marathon.

Music will be presented by several disc-jockeys, featuring all types of rock.

## Blue Laws Cause Hysteria

People who like to go shopping on Sundays are now running into problems (sometimes literally) - locked doors. Marple Newtown has taken a giant step backward and is now enforcing the infamous Blue Laws.

What is Blue Law? For those who have suffered broken noses and strained backs trying to get into Two Guvs, Blue Laws are inconvenient. For those who have never been confronted with the situation before, the results and reactions may range from hysteria, to shock, to charges of breaking and entering.

Non-food items cannot be sold on Sunday according to the Blue Laws. But when was the last time anyone considered Gulf No-Nox a food item? And who eats the Sunday Bulletin for breakfast? Liquor is nutritious and therefore may be considered a food item. State Stores are closed on Sundays, though.

To carry the farce even farther, imagine this scene in a local drugstore:

Clerk: "Will this be all, sir?"

Customer: "Yes."

Clerk: "Well, I'm sorry, sir, but you can-

not buy this shampoo."

Customer: "Why not? What is the problem?"

Clerk: "It's a non-food item. You can't buy it. Blue Law, v'know."

Customer: "Suppose I say I'm going to drink it?"

Clerk: "Nope. And you can't buy this can of Right Guard, either."

Customer: "My stomach has B.O."

Clerk: "Nice try. Put this toothbrush back on the shelf, too."

Customer: "This is unbelievable. My hair is gonna get super-greasy, I'm gonna smell like a cow, and my teeth are gonna rot."

What can the common man do? Not much. We can fight the enforcement of the laws, or we can demand that everything is closed on Sunday. If that happens we may be confronted with signs which say:

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# News Differs, Chilean Says

National news is often reported in different perspectives in both the U.S. and Chile, says Maria Ines Espinosa, MN's new Chilean exchange student.

Watergate and other U.S. political corruption is widely publicized in Chile, says Ms. Espinosa. She also notes that Americans receive different accounts of Chilean events from the American press.

Learning English and understanding the American culture are two of Ms. Espinosa's goals while in the U.S. She feels that Americans are very different from Chileans in culture. However, she has found Americans to be very friendly.

Parties and other social engagements fill everyone's weekends in Chile. Ms. Espinosa is surprised at the quietness of American

weekends.

Sponsored by Rotary International, Ms. Espinosa will be here for six months. The usual Rotary exchange program is for one year but she could not come until January because of graduation rules in her Chilean high school. She graduated in December 1974 and hopes to attend Catholic University in Chile, in September 1975.

Vina del Mar, Ms. Espinosa's home, is a small coastal city in southern Chile. Similar to Atlantic City, Vina del Mar is a vacation resort with tourism as its major industry.

With four brothers, Ms. Espinosa comes from a very busy household. Her father is a lawyer and her mother is a "mujer casera" or homemaker, like most Latin-American women.



Maria Ines Espinosa is MN's Rotary exchange student from Chile.

## TIGERS TRAIL PIONEERS

When a team starts being outpointed 4-1 they no longer have a hill to climb; they have a mountain. The J.V. Basketball Tigers did not even get to plant a stake as they were whipped at Conestoga January 17, falling to the Pioneers 39-21.

MN went to the tap-off, then turned around six minutes later, to see themselves down 16-4. The Tigers started to ascend during the next two quarters, but hiked too slowly with only Jeff Alanakian finding the range, connecting on 4 baskets.

The Pioneers avalanched on the final session to

## MN Icemen TIGERS TIE FORDS

Chances for the MN Skaters' undefeated and tieless season came to a screeching halt January 23, when the Tigers came from behind to tie the pesky Fords from Haverford, 1-1.

Haverford seemed to dominate the action all over the ice with hard hitting shots. MN goalie, Jan Dalina and Haverford net minder Jon Rowland were superb.

Marple's Scott Borbidge was called for a penalty late in the period. As the league's best player sat in the penalty box, Haverford's Charley DiCravanni shot a butterfly through a maze of players and by a screened Dalina. This gave Haverford a 1-0 advantage.

The first period ended with the Fords having 8 shots in contrast to the Tigers' 7.

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## Varsity Dribblers Stomp Conestoga, 49-34

Although MN's Female Varsity dribblers started sluggishly in a low scoring first quarter, they came to life in the second half, stomping Conestoga, 49-34.

During the second quarter, the Tigerettes took a nine point advantage, ending the first half, 23-14.

During this half, MN had a good offensive press with a constant hustle. Karen Shelton led the first half with a good rush and numerous steals.

The third quarter went back and forth between the

Pioneers and the Tigerettes, but MN led the pack, 29-22.

In the final quarter, the Tigerettes broke loose, taking over the offensive game and winning, 49-34.

High Scorers for MN were Debbie Katz with 12 points and Karen Shelton who tallied 11.

The JV hoop squad was also victorious, downing Conestoga, 23-16.

MN held offensive control, shutting out the Pioneers 8-0 at the end of the first quarter. MN's defense was also sharp as it

stopped Conestoga from scoring all but 4 points. The first half ended 12-4, MN.

MN's JV held an 8 point lead throughout the third quarter ending it, 20-12.

In the fourth and final quarter, Marple scored only 3 points, but held Conestoga to its third quarter point tally of 12.

The game ended 23-16, giving Marple a 7 point advantage. Carol Finizio and Liz Miller, each with 6 points, were the high scorers for the JV Tigerettes.

## Opinion:

### Graduates Lack Essential Skills

#### Survival of the Fittest

Too much of what goes on in high school is mere learning for learning's sake, or rather, learning for the sake of attention, praise, and good grades. Students learn much more than they ever are able to put to practical use, yet many graduates do not possess basic skills needed to get along in the world.

Our own students would be much better off when they graduated if they knew how to apply what they learned in school to the world outside the classroom. It is important that every high school student be able to survive and stand on his own two feet when released to the outside world.



# MATMEN TIE FOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

## JV BASKETBALL

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After sagging 10-2 at the end of the first quarter the Fords surged back upstream to lead at the 3/4's mark 26-24. Marple could find no leader on the floor with their 35 points being spread out between ten players so Haverford continued to control the current, finishing on top by seven at the end.

In recent action Bill Howat's tenacious defense coupled with Dave Vogel-song's 4 points and 17 boards forced the Cougars of Springfield to surrender a hostile battle 44-30.

Each side held their ground in the first quarter until the Tigers pushed Springfield into retreat in the second period. The battle peaked in the third stanza as the troops nearly clashed in hand-to-hand combat. Neither signed a treaty, but MN remained a victor on the scoreboard.

With one match in the Varsity unlimited weight division remaining, the score was Ridley 22, Marple 21.

It was Jim Christaldi's match that would determine whether or not MN would down Ridley and whether or not there would be a three-way tie for first place in the Central League.

Christaldi was victorious, ripping Ridley's victim 5-2, giving MN a 25-21 edge over the Raiders.

Other matmen that aided MN were Sileon at 105 lbs., a 11-3 victory; Schaffer at 119 lbs., 11-0; Nocella at 138 lbs., 7-3; Gardner at 145 lbs., 4-3; D. Cornman at 155 lbs., 9-3; and at 185 lbs., Doug Miller, 5-3.

Miller's win brought the Tigers from behind to a close 22-21 lead.

A three-way tie now exists between Haverford, Marple, and Ridley, all for first place in Central League wrestling.

Marple Newtown's matmen combined five pins with impressive showings by two new starters to crush Upper



Donn Cornman (155 lbs.) grapples with Haverford opponent.

Darby 42-16, January 23.

Marc Melso made his first varsity start at the 126 lb. weight class and John Fleming won his second at 145 lb. 4-0 and 8-3.

The match was close at 15-10 until the Tigers exploded with four pins and Fleming's decision in five individualized matches.

The Tiger's lead grew to 42-10 and a forfeit by

Marple in the heavyweight class finalized the score.

Two nights earlier an outburst from Harriton's coach and a win by heavyweight Doug Miller aided MN in downing Harriton 24-23.

The score stood at 21-21 when in the next to last match strongly protested a call by the referee. He protested too strongly and

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# FEMALE SWIMMERS CAPTURE CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Despite the disadvantage of an away meet and tough opposition, MN's top rated Girls Swim Team drowned Conestoga, completing an undefeated season, and dominating the Central-League.

Ann Bartlett swam two consecutive victories in the 100 and 500 yard free-style events.

Although Tina Damasco lost the breaststroke event, she broke her own record by two seconds helping the Tigeresses down Conestoga, 98-74.

Going into the final week of the season, the girls needed two victories to make their record 9-0.

The first needed victory was against Haverford.



Amy Irvin displays diving form that helped the MN Girls Swim Team win the Central League Championship.

Haverford was feared as a possible "spoiler", but MN went down to splash the

Fords, 63-20. The Conestoga win completed their victory requirements.

## Fords Fall to Tigers, 59-53

After suffering a defeat before a packed house at Conestoga, Marple Newtown's boys basketball team came back in their next game to win an overtime thriller from Haverford, 59-53.

Against Conestoga, in a game that saw Steve DeCerchio score 15 points and Steve Smith 15, the Tigers lost 64-52.

After being outpointed 26-10 in the third quarter, Marple scored the first 11 points of the fourth period only to fall short.

The Tigers then went on to meet Haverford and recorded their second victory of the season.

Steve Smith showed great poise under pressure, canning a 20 foot jump shot with just two seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. Marple then pulled out the win in the extra period.

DeCerchio played a strong game, bucketing 17 points and gathering 12 rebounds. Steve Giordano controlled the ball for the Tigers while picking up 14 points.

In more recent action the Tigers fell to league-leading Springfield, in a game that was never close, 78-63.

Smith played well for the Tigers scoring 17

Tiger Steve DeCerchio snares rebound against Haverford, while teammate Scott MacDonald looks on.

points and Giordano added 15, 11 of those coming in the final quarter.

DeCerchio, the team

leader in scoring and rebounding, was in foul trouble most of the night and managed only 6 points.



## Swimmers

## Tally

## 7-3 Record

In the Central League thus far this season, Marple Newtown's Boys Swimming Team is 4-1 (7-3 overall). Unfortunately their only loss was to undefeated Radnor. That meet was a match of the Central League's two best. Marple's loss seriously hurt their title hopes for their year.

In Central League action this year, Marple met Lower Merion on the 9th in the Ace's home water. Though the Ace's won five firsts to MN's six, they had absolutely no depth to their ranks (as evidenced by only two seconds), Marple breezed, 107-63.

From that victory Marple travelled to Radnor, where they proceeded to lose, 113-59. The Tigers took only two firsts in that meet--both by junior John Weirick. Radnor swept the 200 yard individual medley and the diving competition.

Penncrest followed Marple home from their loss, only to leave with one themselves. The score of that one was 98-73.

After Penncrest, the Tigers travelled to Upper Darby, where the Tigers took on the Royals in the closest Central meet Marple has seen this year. This time it was the Tigers who displayed no depth, but by virtue of eight firsts, they managed a 93-79 win.

Finally, Marple swam against Haverford on the 28th in home water. The Fords were totally uncompetitive and ended up on the short end of a 116-56 l agher. MN garnered ten of the eleven firsts in a "less than peak performance" showing.

The most pernicious swimmer Marple has shown this year has got to be John Weirick. He has twenty firsts this season without losing a single race entered. He has also set five school records (the 100, 200, and 500 yard free, and two relays). Rick Hoffman has been the most consistent diver, having taken six firsts in ten meets